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Extension of the supply of electricity in Malabar.

* 461 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any schemes for the extension of the supply of electricity in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that the distance between Badagara and Quilandy is only twenty miles and that extension of electricity will not cost much? By the extension of electricity, Government would be providing electricity to one of the most backward taluk, namely, the Kurumbranad taluk. Will the Government therefore take up the Badagara electricity extension scheme in the near future? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It will be taken up in the order of priority, Sir."

Appointment of a committee to enquire into grievances of bus and lorry operators.

* 462 *Q.*—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating the constitution of a committee to go into the grievances of the bus and lorry operators?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

Second Five-Year Plan for the Madras State.

* 463 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of works that have been recommended by the Government for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Second Five-Year Plan for the Madras State has not yet been finalized."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" So far, nothing is known of the investigation regarding the construction of a reservoir for the Sangaraparani River in Gingee taluk in South Arcot district. Will the Government investigate the scheme fully and include it in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is going into details."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I find there are two projects under consideration so far as South Arcot district

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 509 infra.